A DESCRIPTION *of the Ciuill VVarres* OF ENGLAND.

IN this *Platforme* are contained (gentle Reader) the feuerall battels fought by Sea and Land, at seuerall times and in seuerall places of *England* and *Ireland*, and the parts adioyning, within these fiue hundred yeeres last past. Description of pictures after the manner of fight, as the plot will giue roomth I haue placed, and in the margent by numbers marked, obseruing the time, yeere, and euent of euery battel, which being performed by me in satisfaction of the honorable desire of certain Martial Gentlemen professors of Armes, & louers of learning, were desirous to see these mixtures of matters of their owne profession, and the passed proceedings of their owne countries affaires, and desired me with my poore labour to further so good a worke: which being finished in large with the liking of the motioners, and good allowance of her *Maiestie*, to whose sacred person it was commended, and there contented to haue rested. The counterfeir whereof notwithstanding much lessened and more badly performed, hath since come forth in print, either through the greedy desire of gaine (the bane of all good proceedings) or the gainsaying mindes of such as are enuious to others pains, lest their owne profit thereby be empayred, whose barren inuentions must be supported by other mens endeuours, and their shallow conceites carried through the currants of others springs otherwise runne they from little to nothing.

The silence of *Englands* ciuill wars I could haue wished, being the markes of our owne infamies, and staines to be washed away rather with repentance, then againe to be renewed by remembrance: had not these drawne my paines to their owne headlesse inuentions, and shot my shafts from their owne Bowes: for lucre making common that, which in priuate and for great Estates I intended: and by their indirect meanes am inforced to bring mine owne (yet much abridged) to the *Presse*. Wherein if it so fall out, as that this my endeauour doe yeeld contentment to them which hitherto haue allowed my labours, I meane in time to come (if God permit) to second the same with another plot of other Warres, performed by *Englishmen* in other Countries, against others and forraine forces: a matter of more honour to our Country and pleasure to our Countreymen, in regard the

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AT *Battail* the 14. of *October* being Saturday, the yeere of Christ, 1066. William *Duke of Normandie* obtained this *Land* by *Conquest*, and slew Harold *King* thereof, with Gerth and Leofwine *his brethren*, with 67974. *Englishmen*.

(2)

Yorke burnt and 3000. of the *Citizens* and *Normans* slaine by the *Danes*, vnder the leading of Harold and Canutus, *sonnes* to Sweno *King of Denmarke*, for the recouery of the Crowne to the *Danish* blond, 1069. W.C. *reg.* 3.

(3)

Malcolme *King of Scots* inuaded *Tesidale*, *Holdernesse*, and *Cumberland*, charging his *Souldiers* to spare neither sexe nor age of the *English* nation, *An.* 1071. but the yeere following was himselfe forced to doe homage to W.C. *reg.* 5.

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Elie surprised and won by the *Conquerour*, the last part of this *Land* that stood out against the *Normans*, vnder Hereward their most valiant Captaine. *An. reg. Conq.* 7. 1073.

(5)

The first seating of the Englishmen in Wales, through the dissention of their Princes, who being called for partakers, tooke from the Welch that which they could not againe recouer. 1090. *reg.* 1. Ruf. 3.

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At Alnwicke Malcolme *king of Scots* inuading *Northumberland*, with his sonne Edward was slaine, and all his hoast discomfited by Rob. Mowbray *Earle of North.* *reg.* Ruf. 5. 1092.

(7)

Northampton endammaged, and the *Country* adioyning spoiled through the ciuill dissention of the three brethren William, Robert, and Henry, *sons to the Conq.* H. 1. *An.* 7. 1106.

(8)

Powes-land inuaded by *King* Henry 1. and resisted so by the *Welch*, being strooke with an arrow on the breast that it had almost cost him his life. *An. reg.* 21. 1121.

(9)

At Cardigan a sore battell was fought in *October* 1136. wherein many thousands were slaine, and men by women led away captiues. *reg.* Steph. 1.

(10)

Bristow taken by Robert *Earle of Glocester* in defence of his sister Maud the *Empresse*, against *K.* Stephen. *reg.* 3. 1138.

(11)

David *K. of Scots* inuading *Northumberland*, made his spoile as farre as *Aluerton* in *Yorkeshire*, where being encountred by Thurston *Archbishop of Yorke*, Will. *Earle of* Albemarle, Wa. Espeke, Wil. Peuerel, and the two Lacies, *August.* 22. was with his sonne Henry put to flight, and ten thousand Scots slaine, 1139. Steph. 4.

(12)

Nottingham taken and burned by Rob. *bastard Earle of Glocest.* in defence of his sister Maud the *Empresse*, 1140. Steph. 5.

(13)

At Lincolne by Ranulph *Earle of Chester* and Rob. *Earle of Glocest.* *K.* Stephen was taken prisoner, had to *Glocest.* thence to *Bristow*, and there laid in irons. *Feb.* 2. 1141. *reg.* 5.

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From Winchester Maud the *Empresse*, her *Armies* both of Scots and *English* dispersed and ouercome, fled to *Lutegarsbal*, to *Vies*, and thence to *Glocester*, laid in a horse-litter, fained to be her dead corps, and her brother Rob. taken prisoner. *reg.* Steph. 6. 1141.

(15)

From Oxford Maud the *Empresse* with fiue persons moe, apparelled in white sheetes, to deceiue the *Kings Scoutwatch*, fled through the *Snow*, and so scaped that besieged towne. *An.* 1142. Steph. 7.

(16)

At Edmundsbury Rob. *Earle of Leicest.* with Petronill his Countesse were taken prisoners, and 20000. taken and slaine, by Richard Lucie *L. chiefe Iustice*, and Humfrey de Bohun *high Constable of England*, *Octob.* 27. 1173. H. 2. 19.

(17)

At Alnwicke W. *King of Scots* was taken prisoner by Rob. Scotuile, Randulph Mandeuile, Barnard Baliol and Will. Vescy *Captaines*, his armie containing 80000. fighting men, *July* 7. 1174. he was sent to *London*, and to *K.* Henry carried into *Normandy*, impri-

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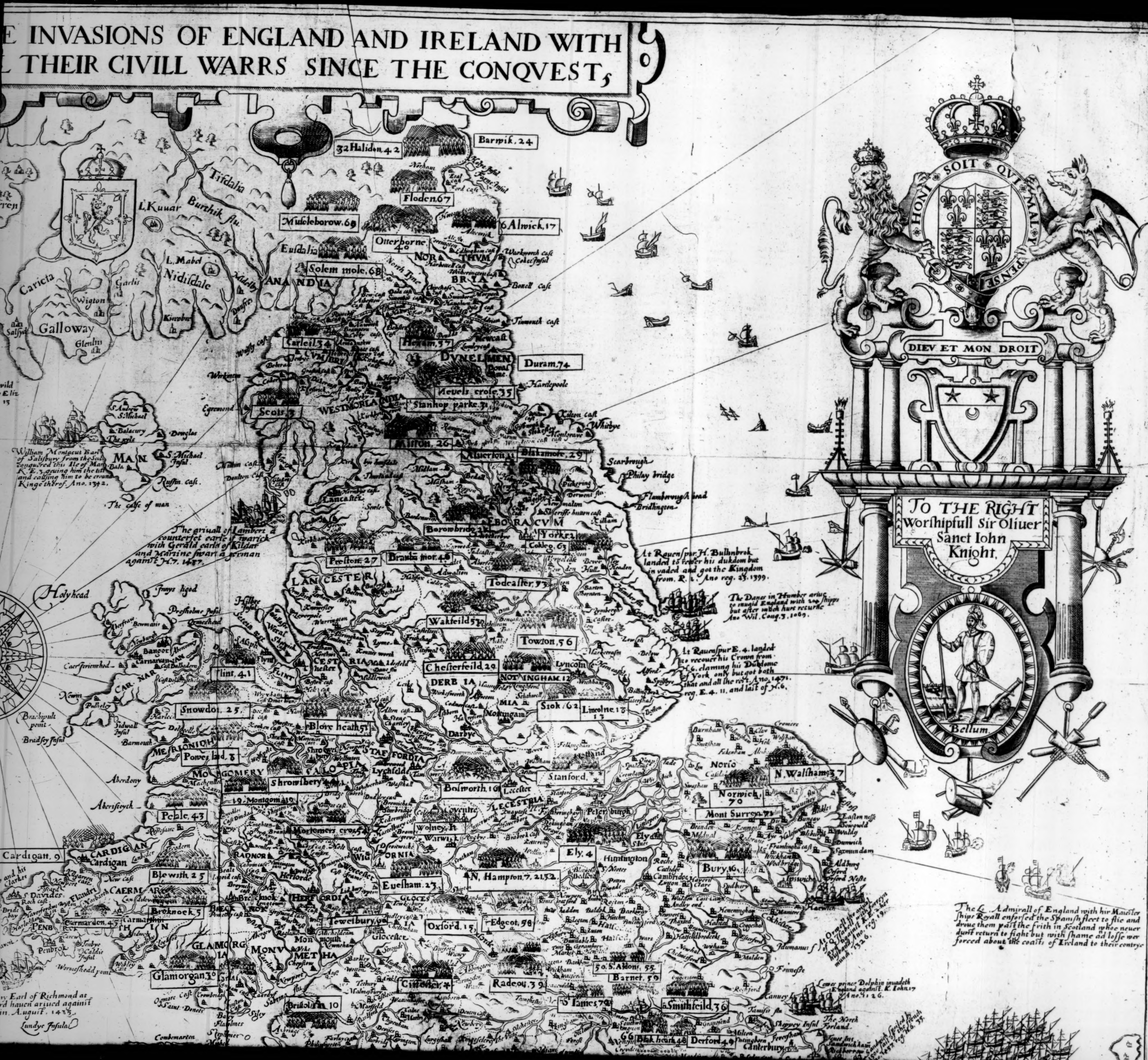
The arriuall of H. 2. King of England for the conquest of Ireland at Croch riere Waterford Ano. 1172. oct. 17. reg. 18.



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Edgecot-field fought vpon Danes moore, Iuly 26. by the Northren Lords, their captaines being Sir Iohn Coniers, and Robbin of Ridsdale, against K. E. 4. vnder the leading of Wil. Herbert Earle of Pembrooke, who together with his brother Ric. was taken, as also Ric. Wooduile, L. Riuers, brother to the Q. with Iohn his son, and all foure beheaded, 5000. of their hoast being slaine, with most of the Welchmen, 1469. reg. E. 4. 9.

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At Wolney K. Edw. 4. gathering his hoast to recouer his losse, was taken prisoner by his brother George D. of Clarence, and Ric. the stout E. of Warwick, & conuaied to Middleham Castle in Yorkeshire, whence shortly hee escaped to Lond. 1469. (*.*)

At Stamford the Lincolnshire men, vnder the conduct of Sir Rob. Welles Knight, instigated by Ric. Earle of Warwicke against K. E. 4. were ouercome, and 1100. of them slaine, the rest in flight so cast away their furniture, that to this day the battel is called Losecote field, 1470. E. 4. 10.

(59)

Barnes-field fought April 14. being Easter-day, by the Earles of Warwick, Oxford, and Marques Montacute, against K. E. 4 who led H. 6. prisoner to the field with him: in this battell were slaine Ric. Earle of Warwick, & Marq. Montacute his brother. On K. Edwards part were slaine the Lords Cromwel, Say & Mountioy: the slaughter in all amounted to 10000. saith Hal, 1471. E. 4. 11.

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At Tewkesbury K. E. 4. obtained the diadem in subduing H. 6. vnder the leading of prince Edward, who was there slaine, and Q. Margaret taken prisoner: there died likewise Th. Courtney E. of Deuonshire, Iohn Somerset Marques Dorset, & the Lord Wenlake: of Knights, Hamden, Whittington, Vaus, Haruy, Deluys, Filding, Leukenor, Lirmouth, Vrman, Seamer, Roos, and Henry: Edm. D. of Somerset was there taken & beheaded with Iohn Bough L. Prior of S. Iohns. May 4. 1471. E. 4. 11.

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Bosworth-field fought vpon Redmoore, Aug. 22. 1485. and 3. of Ric. 3. where himselfe was slain, with Ioh. D. of Norfolke, Wa. L. Ferrers, Ric. Ratclif, and Rob. Brakenbury Knights, & 4000. more of his company: on the E. of Richmonds part only ten persons, the chiefe whereof was Wil. Brandon Knight, his Standard-bearer. Earle Henry was there crowned in the field, and the vnion of Lancaster with York effected, whose ciuill dissentions had cost more English bloud, then twice had done the winning of France.

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Stokefield Iune 16. 1487, was fought to arrest Lambert a counterfeit Warwicke against King H. 7. where 4000. with the naked Irish were slaine, and with them dyed De La Pole Earle of Lincolne, Francis L. Louel, Tho. Geradine Chancellor of Ireland, Martin Swart, and Sir Tho. Broughton, Knights, generall against the King. Lambert was there taken and made a turne-spit. H. 7. 2.

(63)

At Cockeledge neare Yorke, the commons rose and slew Hen. E. of Northumb. for a tax collected by him, granted in Parliament: their Captaine named Iohn a Cumber was hanged at Yorke, 1489. H. 7. 4.

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Excest. besieged by Perken Werbeck a counterfeit, naming himselfe Ric. D. of Yorke, before murthered in the Tower of Lond. after he had indammaged the North and Northumb. was from this City expulsed to Bewdley sanctuary, and lastly executed at Tiburne, 1497. reg. H 7. 13.

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This same City was againe besieged by the rebels of Deuonshire and Cornwall the 3. of E. 6. vnder the leading of Hum. Arundel, Holmes, Winslow, & Burie, but was rescued by Io. L. Russel, with the L. Grey, and 4000. of them slaine, 1549.

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On Black-heath againe was fought a sore battell by Tho. Flamock gent. Michael Ioseph Blackesmith, & Iam. Twichet. L. Audley, with the Cornish-rebels, wher 2000. of them were slaine by Giles L. Daubeney generall for the King, & 1500. taken prisoners. Iu. 22. 1497. H. 7.

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enemy, in the snow slenderly guarded, and before that was driuen to such distresse, that faining to be dead, she was laid as a liuelesse coarse in a coffin, and so conuaied away in a Horse-litter. But the second & last of these two, being the greatest of all the rest, was that which happened between the House of Yorke descended of Lionell of Andwarpe, Duke of Clarence, second sonne to King Edward the third: and the house of Lancaster, issued of Iohn of Gaunt, the third son liuing of the same King; The occasion of a Ciuill warre that raged most cruelly for a long time together, but at that time most extreamely, when there raigned two Kings, of either Family; one of Lancaster, Henry the sixt, another of Yorke, Edward the fourth: betweene whom with the fauourers and followers, there were twelue seuerall battels fought in little more then twelue yeeres space. In so much as one of our owne writers Edward Hall, the great Chronicler, saith, that in these Ciuill wars betwixt these two Families it cost more English blood, then twice had done the winning of France: and of forraine writers Phillip Comines, Lord of Argentine in France, reporteth that it consumed no lesse then fourescore Princes of the bloud Royall: and Paulus Iouius a Bishop of Nouo Como in Italy, resembleth the state of these warres to the most tragicall story of the City Thebes.

So let these few examples shewed in these three generall heads, suffice in this briefe Description in stead of many that might be brought; for by these we may iudge of the rest.

Now the benefit that may be gathered by perusing the seuerall sorts of them, shall be to consider, in the first, the blessing of God poured vpon vs, in preseruing our Countrey and Nation against the seuerall inuasions of forraine enemies, notwithstanding their seuerall and many attempts. In the second the fall and ruine of rebellious Subiects taking armes against their annointed Kings, Princes & Gouernors. And in the third the power of God and his heauy punishments inflicted vpon vs for our sinnes, in making the one party the scourge or maule of the other, with reuenging murder by murder, working the depopulation of our fruitfull Country, and ruinating of our Cities at home, with losse and reuolting of the territories in subiection vnto vs by iust title of inheritance and conquest abroad. And in all of them representing vnto vs the lamentable stories of the times fore-passed and gone, to compare with the same the peaceable estate of the happy times possest and present, wherein Martiall men haue leasure to winne honour abroad, the rest to liue in quiet and wealth at home, all factions forgot-

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5) At *Colraine* in *Vlster Edward Bruce* entituled King of *Ireland*, put the English power to flight, & took many of the Nobles prisoners, *Ed.* 2. 9. 1315.
6) *Armagh* battell fought against *Edw. Bruce*, who was there taken, and beheaded at *Dundalk*, and with him 6200. Scots lost their liues, Ann. 1318. Reg. *E.* 2. 12.
7) At *Kilkenny R.* 2. with an hoast of 30000 strong besieged *Mackmur*, but little prevailed, thorow the sodain arriual into England of *H. Bullingbrook* Earle of Hereford, Anno 1399. Reg. *R.* 2. 23.
8) At *Dundalk Sham Oneal* with the losse of 3500. men was put to flight by S. *Henry Sidney* Knight, and flying for succour to the wilde Scots, was by them murdered in *Clan Abbey*, *Elizab.* 9. 1567.
9) At *Smerwick* the Italians and Spaniards sent by the Pope to aide *Desmond* in his rebellions, intrench themselues vnder the Popes banner, where the Lord *Gray* slew 400. of them, and put the rest to their ransome. *Eliz.* 22. 1580
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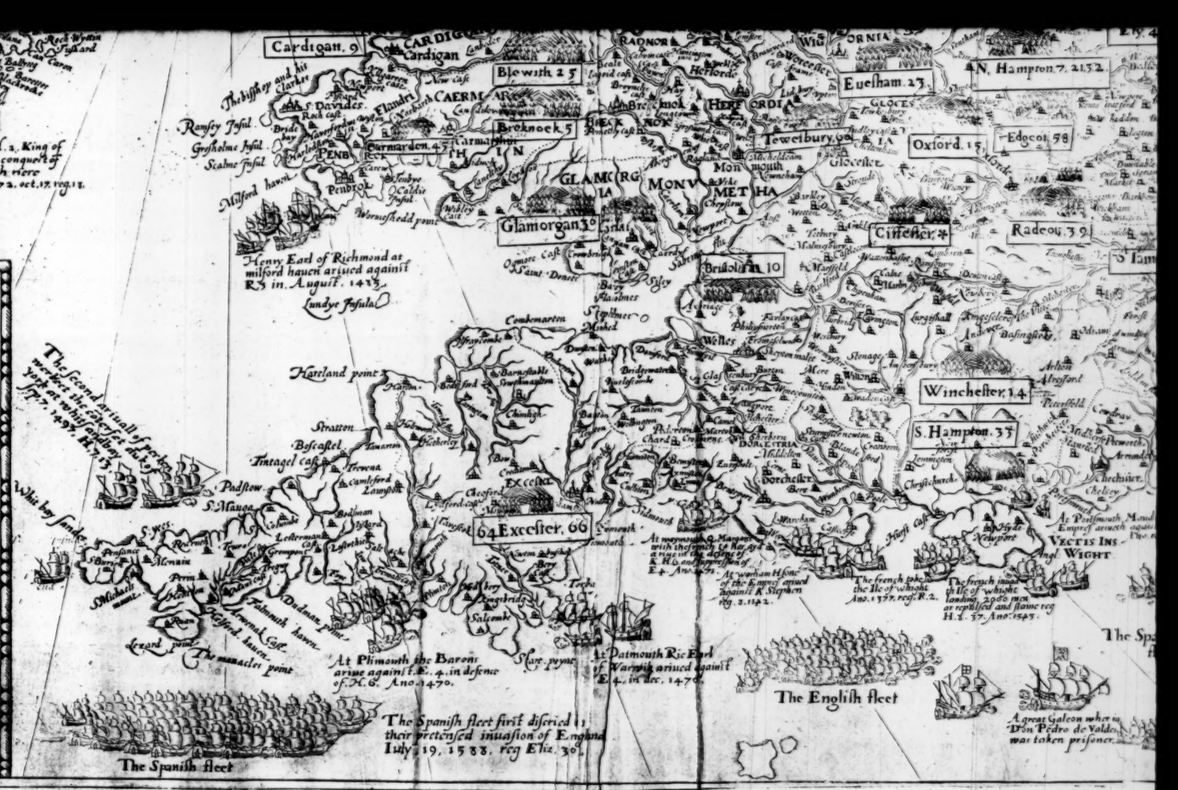
12) In the Countrey of *Mayo* the *Burkes* stirre rebellion against her Maiesties Ciuill gouernment, but were disperled and ouerthrowne by captaine *John Bingham* and the Earle of *Clanrikard*, 1586. Reg. *Eliz.* 28.
13) At *Ardnary* 2000. Scots brought in to aide the *Burkes*, vpon promise to enioy that Countrey, were by Sir *Richard Bingham* all slaine except 80. persons that saued themselues by swimming the riuer *Mayo*: their leaders the *Burkes* with them also dyed, 1586. Reg. *Eliz.* 28.
14) *Tyrone* in his rebellions against her sacred Maiestie, hath ouerlong troubled the peace of *Ireland*, but chiefly the Prouince of *Vlster*, whose treacherous acts and sauage cruelties hath moued her Highnesse to send forces thitherward, for whose prosperous successe, with the ouerthrow of all treasons and rebellions, let all true hearted Subiects pray.



argument, to proceede to some particulars, it shall not be amisse to make some diuision of them, according to their seuerall qualities, of the seuerall quarrels in them which are found to be diuers, and of three seuerall natures. Whereof the first were the inuasions attempted by forraine Princes, and enemies against the Kings and people of this Realme. The second were meere rebellions of Subiects against their annointed Princes. And the third dissensious factions betwixt Princes of the blood Royall: of these three, all these effusions of blood haue consisted.

And to begin with the first battell in this plot, which was the first beginning of gouernement of this state as it yet continueth. Such was the attempt of *William* Duke of Normandy against King *Harold* the sonne of Earle *Goodwin*, who preuailed so against him in fight at Battaile in Suſſex (a place so called by this euent) as the said Duke was afterward King of this Land, and brought the whole nation vnder his obedience, as it hath beene continued to his posterity euer since. Such was the arriuall of *Lewes* sonne and heyre to *Philip* King of France against *John* King of England, who being carried by his owne ambition, accompanied with French forces, and assisted by the rebellious Barons of this Realme, after variable fortune of fight in seuerall skirmishes, battels, and assaults, was forced in the end, without all honour, or hope to preuaile, to make a very shameful retreat into his own country.

Such was also the entrie made by *Iames* the fourth King of Scots, against King *Henry* the eight of famous memory, his brother in law, and sworne allie, at that time absent in the wars of France, who contrary to his oath and alliance formerly made, entered the North frontires of England, with a mighty Army, had the same discomfited and ouerthrowne, and was himselfe slain in the field by the English forces, vnder the leading of the Earle of Surrey, at that time Lieutenant generall for King *Henry*. And especially such was the late enterprise remaining fresh in memory, of *Phillip* late King of Spaine, against our dread Soueraigne Lady now raigning, in the yeere of our Lord 1588. attempting by his inuincible Nauy as he thought, and so termed, vnder the conduct of the Duke of *Medina Celi*, which with great pride and cruelty entended against vs, arriued on our coasts to Englands inuasion and subuersion, had yet neuertheless here in the narrow Seas, the one part of his Fleet discomfited, taken, and drowned, and the other part forced to their great shame in poore estate to make a fearefull and miserable flight about the coast of Ireland homeward, so that of 158. great ships furnished for warre, came to their owne coast of Spaine but few, and those so torn and beaten by the English Cannons, that it was thought they were vnseruiceable for euer, and eleuen of their ensignes or banners of Idolatry, prepared for triumph and pride in conquest, were contrariwise to their shame and dishonour shewed at *Pauls*-Crosse, and in other places of this Realme, to Gods glory, our ioy, and their endlesse infamy.

The second sort of quarrels in these wars, were meere rebellions of subiects against their annointed Princes and Gouernors: and of these some haue been priuate, and some generall. Of the first kinde for priuate occasions, was that of *Thomas* Earle of Lancaster, against King *Edward* the second his cosin-germane, vpon mislike of the *Spencers*, greatly fauoured by the King, and as much enuied of him, who hauing his forces defeated at Burrowbridge, was there taken prisoner, & but after beheaded at Pomfret. Of the same kind was that of *Henry* Lord *Percie*, surnamed *Hot spurre*, & *Thomas Percie* Earle of Worcester his Vncle, against K. *Henry* the fourth, at Shrewesbury; where the said Lord *Henry* was slaine, and the other taken prisoner, and after beheaded in the same towne. So was that of *Michaell Joseph* the black-smith in Cornwal and his company, against King *Henry* the seauenth, for a Subsidie granted in Parliament to the same King, who gathered a head of rebellion so strong, that at Black-heath neare London, they abode battell against their Soueraigne, and were there taken, and afterward drawne, headed and quartered at Tiburne. Also such was that of *Robert Ket* the Tanner of Windham in Norfolk, against *Edward* the sixt, pretended against inclosures and liberty to the weale publike, was at Norwich taken in the field, and afterward hanged on the top of the castle of the same towne. And lastly, so was that of

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(18)
At Lincolne all the English Barons with 400. *knights that tooke part with* Lewes, *were ouerthrowne and taken, May* 19. 1217. *and first of* H. 3.
(19)
At Montgomery Llewellin *Prince of Wales through the practise of a traiterous Monke, ouercame and slew many of the Kings power. An.* 1231. *reg.* H. 3. 15.
(20)
At Chesterfield a conflict was done, wherein Robert Ferrers *Earle of Darby was taken, and many slaine, An.* H. 3. 41. 1256.
(21)
Northampton surprised by King H. 3. *against his rebellious Barons, April* 4. 1263. *reg.* 48.
(22)
At Lewes, May 12. 1264. K. H. 3. *by his vnfaithfull Barons, with his Brother* Rich. *King of Alman, and his sonne Prince* Edward *were taken prisoners. There were slaine about* 4500. *by* Simon Montfort *and* Gil. Clare *Earles of Leicest. and Gloces. reg.* H. 3. 48.
(23)
At Euesham, the 5. *of August* 1265. *a sore battell was fought, wherein* K. H. 3. *preuailed against the Barons through their owne dissentions, and most of them slaine, as* Sim. Montfort *Earle of Leic. and* 17. *Lords and knights besides;* Humfrey Bohun *& with him ten men of great account taken prisoners, with slaughter of all the Welshmen. An. reg.* 48.
(24)
Berwick woon, and 25000. *Scottish slaine, An.* E. 1. 24. 1296.
(25)
At Blith Leolin *the last Prince that bare rule of the Britains, coming from Snowdown, by* Rog. Strangb. *was slaine, and his head crowned with Iuie set vpon the Tower of London.* E. 1. 10. *An.* 1282.
(26)
At Mitton 3000. *Yorkeshire men were slaine encountring with the Scots inuading their country, called the white battell, for that it consisted most of Cleargy men. An.* 1318. *reg.* E. 2. 12.
(27)
Vnto Preston in Anderneſſe Rob. Bruse *K. of Scots inuaded England, burned the said towne, and haried the country before him, reg.* E. 2. 14. *An.* 1322.
(28)
Borrowbridge battell fought betwixt E. 2. *and his Barons, March* 16. 1322. *vnder the leading of* Andr. Hercley *Earle of Carile, where* Tho. *Earle of Lanc. was taken and with him* 65. *Lords and Knights,* Hum. Bohun *being thrust into the fundament through a bridge was slaine. An. reg.* 14.
(29)
At Blackamore the Sixt following the English army, took prisoners the Earle of Richm. and the French Ambassador, the King himselfe hardly escaped. An. reg. E. 2. 15. 1323.
(30)
At Glamorgan K. L. by his vnnatural & cruel wife was taken Non. 16. 1326. *and conueyed to Monmouth, to Ledbury, to Kenilworth, to Corffe, to Bisbw, thence to Barkley Castle, & there lamentably murdered, ie.* 21. (31)
At Stannop parke the Scots intrenched themselues, and against the English made rsm of disgrace as followeth. An. E. 3. 2. 1328.

Long beards hertleſſe, painted hoods witleſſe,
Gay coates graceleſſe, make England thriftleſſe.

(32)
At Halidown hil a great battel fought against the Scots, wherin were slain 8. *Earles,* 400. *horsmen, & common souldiers* 35000 *and their chiefe Champion* Turnbul *ouercome by* Rob. Venal *Knight of Norfolke An.* E. 3. 7. 1333.
(33)
Southampton sacked by Genowaie Pirates vnder the leading of the King of Sicils rm, yet the townesmen slew 300. *of them, and their Captaine braued by a Husbandmans club. An.* 1338. E. 3. 12.
Carleil, Penreth, & many townes else burnt by the Scots, vnder Wil. Dowglas, *yet likly are ouercome by the manhood & policy of* Th. Lucy, Rob. Ogle, *& the B. of that* [illegible] *r.* E. 3. 19. 1345.
(35)
At Nenils crosse Dauid Bruse *K. of Scots inuading England with* 60000. *Souldiers, was taken prisoner by* Io. Copland *Esquire, and conueyed to London with many of his Nobilitie, besides many noble men slaine in the field vnder the leading of* Wil. Yong *Archbishop of Yorke, vicegerent, the Lords* Mowbray, Percie & Neuil, *Queene* Phillip *in her owne person present, encouraging her people to fight. reg.* E. 3. 20. 1346.
(36)
The insurrection of the commons vnder the leading of Iack Straw, Wat Tiler, *and others, after many rebellious acts done in Kent and Essex, from Black-heath, Mile-end, and Smith-field, were dispersed, where the said* Wat Tiler *was worthily slaine by* Wil. Walworth *Maior of London, on Saturday, Iune* 15. *reg.* Rich. 2. 4. *An.* 1381. (37)
At North-Walsham the rebellious commons, by the instigation of Io. Wraw, *who had gathered* 50. *thousand in Suffolke, and vnder the leading of* Iohn Litlar *of Norwich Dyer, calling himself king of the commons, were by* Henry Spencer *Bishop of that City ouercome, and their rustical king drawn, hanged, & beheaded, who had by violence carried with him the Lord* Scales, *the Lord* Morley, Stephen Hales, *and* Robert Sale *Knights, to serue at his Table, and take his assayes.* Rich. 2. 4. 1381.
(38)
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(65)

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(66)

On Black-heath againe was fought a sore battell by Tho. Flamock *gent.* Michael Ioseph *Blacke-smith.* & Iam. Twicher, *L.* Audley, *with the Cornish-rebels, wher* 2000. *of them were slaine by* Giles *L.* Daubeney *generall for the King*, & 1500. *taken prisoners. In.* 22. 1497. H. 7.

(67)

Floden-field the 9. *of Sep. and* 5. *of K.* H. 8. *was fought against the Scots, by L.* Tho. Howard, *E. of Surrey, lieutenant generall for the King, where* Iames 4. *K. of Scots with* 3. *Bishops*, 2. *Lord Abbots*, 12. *Earles*, 17 *Lords*, & 8000. *souldiers were slaine, the dead body of K.* Iames *wrapped in lead, was brought to Shine in Surrey, & there cast into a corner, not long since remaining and seene.*

(68)

At Solommosse 15000. *Scots under the leading of the L.* Maxwel: *by* Tho. *bastard* Dacres, *and* Iack Musgraue, *were valiantly vanquished, and* 21. *of their nobility (whereof eight were Earles) brought as prisoners to London, and* 200. *more of great account, besides* 800. *common souldiers slaine and taken, for very griefe whereof King* Iames *fell sicke, and shortly after dyed.* 1542.

(69)

H. 8. 32.

Muscleborrow-field fought Sep. 10. 1546. *by* Edw. *D. of Somerset L. Protector, and* Ioh. Dudley *E. of Warw. against the Scots, where* 14000. *were slaine, and* 1500. *taken prisoners, only* 60. *English then slaine.* E. 6. 1.

(70)

At Norwich in a commotion led by Rob. Ket *Tanner of Windham,* Wil. *Lord Marques of Northampto was put to flight, and the L.* Sheffield *slaine, the City fired, and many outrages done*, 1549. E. 6. 3.

(71)

At Mount Surrey the rebels, with their leader Rob. Ket, *were by* Ioh. Dudley *E. of Warwick ouercome & forced to yeeld*, 5000. *of them being slain, & Ket taken and hanged on the Castle of Norwich, or as some haue, vpon the Oke of reformation. Aug.* 27. 1549. E. 6. 3.

(72)

Sir Tho. Wiat *with his company of Kentishmen driuen to march from Southwarke to Kingston & thence to S. Ianes, yeelded himself at Temple-bar, with the losse only of* 40. *persons on both parts. Feb.* 7. 1554. Mar. 1.

(73)

At Tadcaster Tho. Percie *Earle of Northumb. &* Charles Neuil *E. of Westmerland in their comotions tooke* 200. *footmen repairing toward York for the defence of the City against those rebels*, 1569. Eliz. 12.

(74)

Durham taken by the rebels of the North, vnder the leading of Percie & Neuil *Earles, which had gathered* 7000. *and surprised* Barnards *Castle. were by the Earle of Sussex, lieutenant generall for the Queen, forced into Scotland, and many of their Associates worthily put to death.* 1569. *And lastly (which God grant may be the last)* Tho. *Late Earle of Northumb. was beheaded in Yorke. Aug.* 20. 1572. Eliz. 14.

Cities at home, with
ting of the territories in subiection vn-
to vs by iust title of inheritance and
conquest abroad. And in all of them
representing vnto vs the lamentable
stories of the times fore-passed and
gone, to compare with the same the
peaceable estate of the happy times
possest and present, wherein Martiall
men haue leasure to winne honour
abroad, the rest to liue in quiet and
wealth at home, all factions forgot-
ten, and all rebellions surceased and
repressed: and for these blessings to
yeelde due thankes vnto Almighty
God, that hath prouided for vs such
a Prince, and so directed her in her
gouernement ouer vs, that with ease
and pleasure we may both behold the
one, and enioy the other, especially in
these dangerous dayes of these latter
times, when all hostility and outrage
of ciuill warres, broiles, and dissentions,
haue seemed by the power of the Al-
mighty hand of God stretched forth
in our defence, to haue beene trans-
ported out of this Iland ouer the Seas
into other Countryes, insomuch as
notwithstanding this calme security
of our owne at home, our neighbour-
Nations of all sides abroad, either tho-
row the licentious tyranny of vngod-
ly Princes, that haue laid persecution
vpon their Subiects, or the mutinous
dissentions of disobedient people,
that haue raised Rebellions against
their Princes, haue been so turmoyled
with garboyle of warres, as they haue
beene pittifully enforced to pray and
seeke ayde at her Maiesties hands, and
to submit themselues vnder the pro-
tection of her, whom with vs they ac-
knowledge to be the very defendresse
of the Christian Faith and Peace, and
the most naturall Nurse of the true
Church of GOD. By all loyall duty
therefore, wee are indebted to yeeld
obedience vnto her Maiestie, and to
her Maiesties most religious gouerne-
ment, by whom wee haue receiued
such peace as the World doth admire,
and following ages to her eternall
fame shall record: and with faithfull
hearts pray, that peace may euer dwell
within her wals, and prosperity abide
within her Pallaces, and that the abun-
dance of her peace may continue so
long as the Sun and Moone endureth.

Cease ciuill broyles, O Englands subiects cease,
with streames of blood staine this faire Isyle no more:
As God, so Kings must be obeyd with peace,
Yeeld thou thy due, to them their right restore:
Wash with repentance, these thine ills before:
Giue loyall pledge, with might resist her foes,
That raignes thy Prince, to her thy Sword belongs.

Collected by IOHN SPEEDE
Citizen of *London*.
Anno 1600.

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(51)

Blore-heath field foughten Septemb. 23. *by* Richard *Earle of Salisbury against K.* Henry 6 *the Lord* Audley *being generall for the King: where the said Lord was slaine, with many Knights of Cheshire on his part, and with them* 2400. *persons lost their liues. An.* 1459. *reg.* 38.

(52)

At Northampton the Earles of March and Warwick fought against K. Henry 6. *in the quarrell of* Richard *Duke of York, wherein the King himselfe was taken and conueyed to London,* Humfrey *Duke of Buckingham,* Iohn Talbot *Earle of Shrewesbury, the Lords* Beamont *and* Egremont *were there slaine. Iune* 10. *reg.* 38.

(53)

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(54)

At Mortimers crosse Edw. *Earle of March, in reuenge of the death of* Rich. *Duke of Yorke his Father, obtained a great victory against the Earles of Penbroke & Wiltshire in the quarel of Q.* Margaret, *and there slew* 3800. *Englishmen, Feb.* 2. *being the day of* Maries *Purification: in this battell* Owen Teuther *was taken and beheaded. An.* 1461. *reg.* H. 6. 39.

(55)

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(56)

Towton-field a most deadly and mortal battel fought on Palmsundry. March 29. *wherein were slaine of Englishmen* 35091. *or as other haue,* 36776. *persons. amongst whom these Nobles dyed. Earles: Northumberland, Shrewesbury & Deuonshire. Lords:* Clifford, Beamont, Neuil, Willoughby, Wels, Roos, Seales, Grey, Dacres, Fitz-hugh, Mollens, Bechingam, *Knights: the two Bastards of Excester,* Percie, Heyron, Clifton, Hamys, *two* Crakenthorps, *two* Throlopes, Haril, Ormond, Mollin, Pigot, Norbohew, *and* Burton, *with many more Knights, and others not named. K.* H. 6. *with such as escaped fled into Scotland, leauing* E. 4. *villor.* 1461.

(57)

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Crosse, after beheaded at Pomfret. Of the same kind was that
s glory, of *Henry* Lord *Percie*, surnamed *Hot spurre*, & *Thomas*
Percie Earle of Worcester his Vncle, against K. *Henry*
re meer the fourth, at Shrewesbury; where the said Lord *Hen-*
Princes *ry* was slaine, and the other taken prisoner, and after
priuate, beheaded in the same towne. So was that of *Michaell*
Ioseph the black-smith in Cornwal and his company,
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ted in Parliament to the same King, who gathered a
head of rebellion so strong, that at Black-heath neare
London, they abode battell against their Soueraigne,
but were there taken, and afterward drawne, headed
and quartered at Tiburne. Also such was that of *Re-*
bert Ket the Tanner of Windham in Norfolk, against
King *Edward* the sixt, pretended against inclosures
and liberty to the weale publike, was at Norwich ta-
ken in the field, and afterward hanged on the top of
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Mary for the bringing in of *Phillip* of Spaine, they be-
ing cut off at S. *Iames*, & himself yeelded at the Court.
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the third his son, in their seuerall raignes. Against the
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blemish of their King & Kingdome. And against the
son so prosecuted their attempts, that their warres to
this day are called and knowne by the name of the
Barons-wars, which had so lamentable consequence,
as that after the ouerthrow & consummation of sun-
dry most noble and ancient houses of England, and
both parties wearied with warres: the conclusions of
peace which ensued are reported in regard of the
precedent murthers to be written with bloud.

The third sort of these quarrels in these Ciuil-wars
and dissentions, were factious dissentions betweene
Princes themselues of the blood Royall, ambitiously
aspiring the Crowne of this Kingdome, and titles of
Kings thereof: Of which kinde there haue been two
most notable knowne amongst vs. The first fell be-
twixt *Stephen* of Bloyse, Erle of Bolloigne, wrong-
fully succeeding his vncle king *Henry* the first,
in the Crowne of England, on the one party,
and *Maude* the Empresse, Daughter and sole
heire to the said King *Henry*, and *Henry* Duke
of Normandie (his sonne and heyre, who af-
terward succeeded the same K. *Stephen*) on the
other part, which was followed with such va-
riable successe of fortune in many conflicts
on both parts, that King *Stephen* himselfe was
taken prisoner, & laid in irons, with extremity
vsed, and the Empresse to saue her life dange-
rously aduentured thorow the Scouts of the